

SAN FRANCISCO BIDS FOR BIG CONVENTION

California City Making Fight for Democratic Meeting in June.

HAS FAIRLY GOOD CHANCE

Party Leaders Believe It Would Be Good Politics to Favor Westerners.

San Francisco is putting up the strongest fight for the Democratic National Convention of any city. It is not at all improbable, according to a prominent member of the national committee who was in New York for a few hours yesterday on his way to attend the meeting of the committee in Washington, that the Golden Gate City will capture the prize.

The other cities, named in the order in which they seem to be exerting efforts in that direction, which are contenders for the honor of entertaining the Democrats are St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago and Cleveland.

It is the impression of the national committee, based on talks with other members, that the convention will not be held immediately after the Republican convention, but will come the second week later, the week of June 20. "While at first thought the idea of going to the Pacific coast for our convention seems out of the question," said the committee member, "it should not be so considered. The argument that the representatives of San Francisco are putting up is that it is no further for the delegates from the East to go to San Francisco than it would be for the far Western Democrats to come East."

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"There is no question that it would be good politics. The Pacific coast States elected President Wilson in 1916, and we have got to have them in 1920 if we are going to win. It would be considerably more of a compliment for the Easterners to go to San Francisco than it would be for the Democrats to choose St. Louis or Chicago, where conventions have been held for years."

In 1912 the Democrats held their convention in the East. That year, while some of the other cities were promising large convention funds, Baltimore quietly raised \$100,000, its representatives put it in the form of a certified check and placed it in the hands of the convention committee. While other cities were saying that Baltimore could never out of the convention because it was too far east, it ran away with the prize.

This year, if reports are to be credited, San Francisco is taking a leaf from the Baltimore book.

The Democrats went as far west as Denver in 1908, and the Eastern delegates expressed themselves as much pleased with the arrangements.

"There are a great many people who have been planning to go to the Pacific coast for a trip," said the national com-

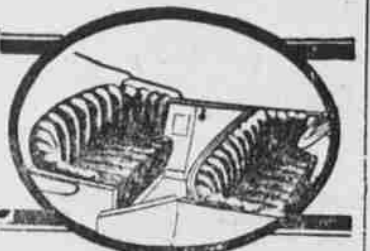
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GOV. SMITH SILENT ON LIQUOR POLICIES

Legislators and Public Must Await Annual Message to Be Issued To-morrow.

SPLIT ON SENATE LEADER

Boylan's Friends to Contest Choice of Walker to Head the Minority.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.
ALBANY, Jan. 5.—Gov. Smith's annual message to be read to the Legislature Wednesday at noon is being awaited eagerly by wets and drys alike to see what he has to say about prohibition enforcement. Whatever he has written on this subject it did not have to be changed as a result of the Supreme Court decision on the war time prohibition enforcement act, the Governor admitted to-night.

The Governor refused to make a statement to-day on this subject, but he has maintained right along that the Legislature ought not to attempt the passage of any prohibition enforcement act until the Supreme Court has decided that the prohibition amendment was adopted legally and that the Volstead act limiting beverages to a content of one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol also is constitutional. Some believe he has put this suggestion into his message.

Word came from New York that there is some dissatisfaction among the Democratic Senators over the selection of Senator James J. Walker for their leader during the 1920 session and that friends of Senator John J. Boylan are coming to-morrow prepared to make a fight for the latter.

"I have taken no part in the selection of the Senate leader," Gov. Smith said. "I have one big job to attend to, and besides they are both good friends of mine, and it would be hard to choose between them. They both started in the Assembly with me, and I have made it my business to keep my hands off and will continue to do so."

The Judiciary Committee, of which

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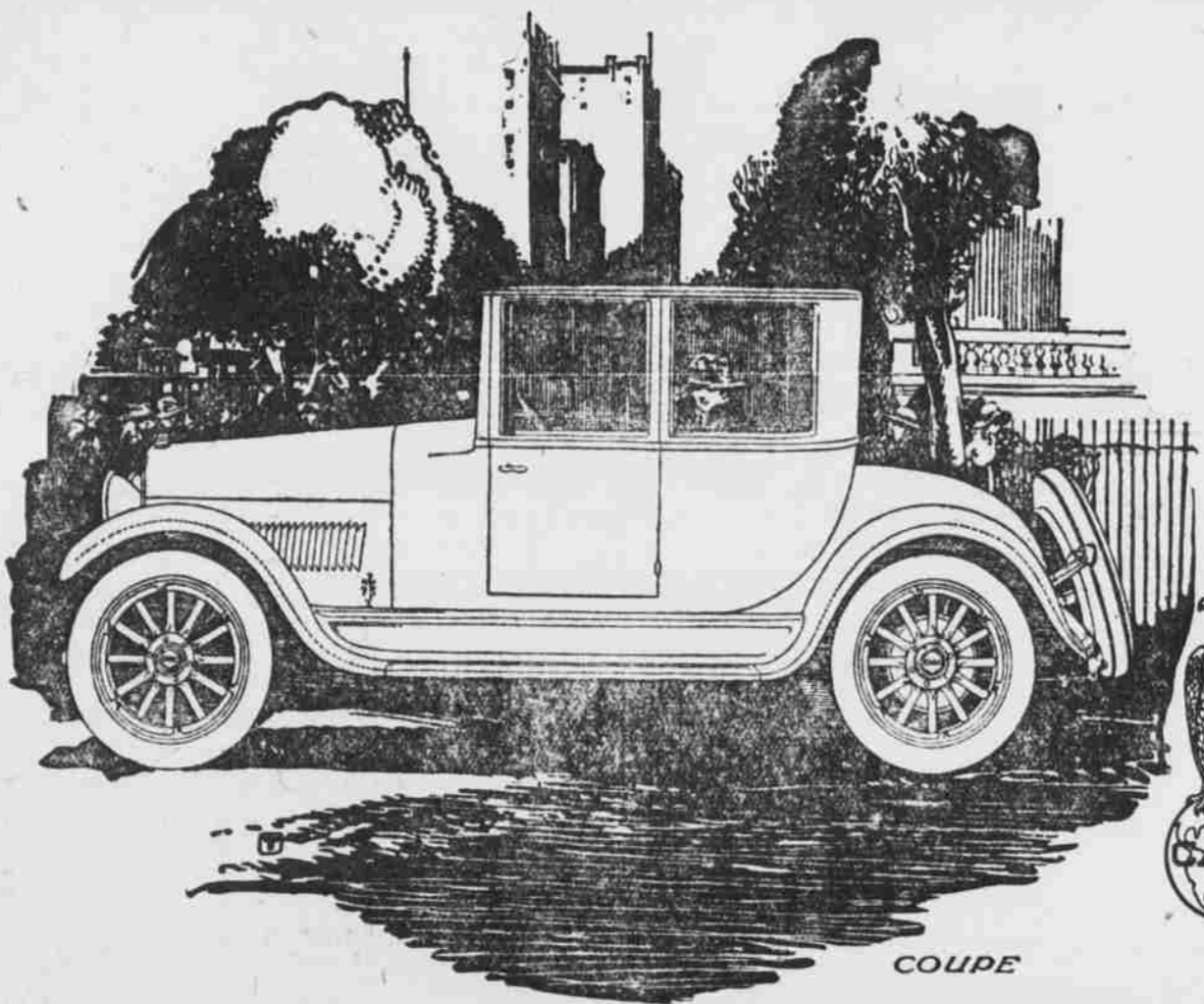
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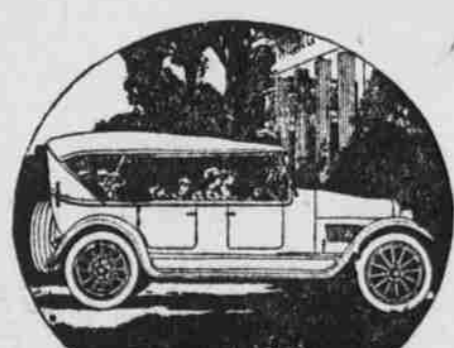
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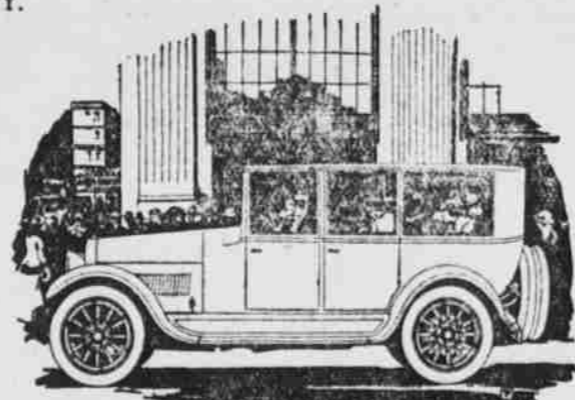
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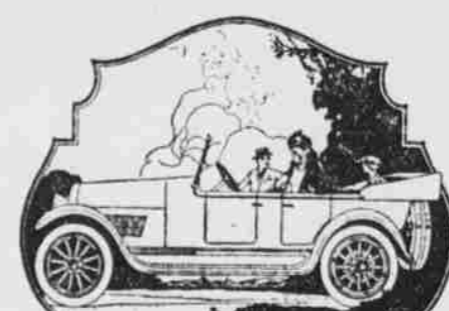
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